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SUBJ: FOLLOWING HONG KONG STANDARD AUGUST 29 EDITORIAL
"YANKEE GO HOME", IN REACTION TO REP. WOLFF'S AIRPORT
PRESS CONFERENCE: (BEGIN QUOTE)

1. ON NO ACCOUNT MUST THE ADMINISTRATION BE INTIMIDATED
BY FRIDAY'S CHURLISH, HEAVY-HANDED THREAT OF AMERICAN
ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IF HONG KONG FAILS TO GIVE IN TO A
DEMAND FOR FREE ACTION IN THE COLONY BY U.S. ANTI-
NARCOTICS AGENTS.

2. CONGRESSMAN LESTER WLOFF'S "WE'RE GOING TO GET
TOUGH" PRONOUNCEMENT ON MIS "FACT-FINDING" TEAM'S
ARRIVAL AT KAITAK AIRPORT TYPIFIES AN AMERICAN ATTITUDE
THAT WAS ONCE ALL TO FAMILIAR, PARTICULARLY IN THE
STRUGGLING, UNDER-DEVELOPED NATIONS OF ASIA.

3. THE INCREDIBLE THING IS THAT WASHINGTON SHOULD HAVE
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KNOWINGLY PERMITTED MR. WOLFF TO REVERT TO THE BULLYING

TACTICS OF AN ERA OF AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY
MOST OF US IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD HAD GRATEFULLY
THOUGHT LONG DEAD.

4. BUT, ON SECOND THOUGHT, PERHAPS THE UGLY MONSTER
CREATED BY EUGENE BRUDICK AND WILLIAM LEDERER IN THE
FIFTIES IS, IN FACT, VERY MUCH ALIVE AND WELL.

5. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF HONG KONG TREMBLINGLY TURNED
DOWN MR. WOLFF'S ARTFULLY-PUT REQUEST? WOULD THE USS
ENTERPRISE COME CHURNING OUT OF THE PACIFIC WITH HER
NUCLEAR ARMAMENT BRISTLING AS SHE SAILED UP THE HARBOUR?
OR IS IT AT ALL POSSIBLE THAT THE B-52S, NOW IDLE IN
GUAM FROM THEIR LABOURS OVER CAMBODIA, WOULD BE SCRAMBLED
FOR A THUNDERING FLYOVER IN OUR SKIES? THE MIND BOGGLES
AT THE POSSIBILITIES WITHIN THE REACH OF OUR GREAT
PACIFIC NEIGHBOUR.

6. THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM, ONE WOULD THINK, IS VERY
MUCH AN INTERNATIONAL ONE. HONG KONG HAS ITS SHARE OF
IT, PERHAPS MORE SO THAN MOST ASIAN TERRITORIES. WE
FEEL SURE THAT AFTER ASCERTAINING THE FACTS -- AND
SEEING THE EXTENT OF THE COLONY'S ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERA-
TIONS, MR. WOLFF MAY WANT TO TONE DOWN HIS DEMANDS.

7. TO SAY THAT HONG KONG HAS ITS RESERVATIONS IN PER-
MITTING "U.S. AGENTS OF THD HIGHEST CALIBRE" FREE REIN
IN LOCAL ENFORCEMENT MATTERS IS PUTTING IT MILDLY. THE
SPECTRE OF AMERICAN DETECTIVES BEING ABLE TO PRACTICE
THEIR OPERATIONAL METHODS ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS IS AS
RIDICULOUS AS THAT OF MR. NORMAN ROLPH'S SQUADS BEING
PERMITTED FREE REIN IN THE DRUG-RIDDLED SECTIONS OF NEW
YORK.

8. AS MR. WOLFF AND HIS COLLEAGUES WILL FIND
DURING THEIR STAY HERE, PROFESSIONAL COURTESY AND CO-
OPERATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN EXTENDED TO U.S. OPERATIVES
BASED IN HONG KONG. PRECISELY WHAT DEMANDS ARE CON-
TAINED IN THE CONGRESSMAN'S COMPLAINT ARE UNCLEAR. BUT
THE NEW YORK DEMOCRAT'S CONGRESSIONAL REPORT HAS DECLARED:
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9. "UNTIL RECENTLY, U.S. AGENTS OF THE HIGHEST CALIBRE
WERE NOT RECEIVING THE TYPE OF CO-OPERATION FROM
BRITISH OFFICIALS THAT WOULD YIELD THE MOST EFFECTIVE
RESULTS."

10. THE INFERENCE, OBVIOUSLY, IN THIS STATEMENT IS
THAT AMERICAN AGENTS HERE NOW (BOLDFACE) DO RECEIVE THE

CO-OPERATION THAT YIELDS THE REQUIRED RESULTS. IF SO,
WHAT WAS THE NEED FOR MR. WOLFF'S OUTBURST ON FRIDAY?

1. THE ENTIRE AFFAIR IS AS PUZZLING AS IT IS UNCALLED
FOR. IF IT WERE NOT FOR MR. WOLFF'S EMINENCE IN OFFICE,
WE WOULD BE TEMPTED TO RESURRECT THAT OLD CLICHE
FROM THE BAD OLD DAYS OF THE FIFTIES AND POLITELY
REQUEST THAT HE AND HIS TEAM GO HOME... END QUOTE HONG
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